

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 456

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dawn F. Eaton on the occasion of her retirement from The Family Center.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Dawn F. Eaton is one such worthy person who has served with distinction for more than seven years as chief executive officer of The Family Center in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, she will be taking a much deserved retirement on May 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, since joining The Family Center in January 2010, Ms. Eaton has been instrumental in providing more than 13,000 families with the necessary tools to break the cycle of abuse and neglect that affects nearly 23,000 children; and

WHEREAS, her strong convictions have given her the necessary strength to overcome many obstacles in her quest to positively change the lives of children in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Eaton's passion, determination, and resolve have been invaluable to the success of The Family Center and to improving the lives of the many families it serves; and

WHEREAS, believing strongly that parents need tools to better understand their children and resources to cope with stress, Dawn Eaton has moved The Family Center to the forefront of changing the way the community deals with the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, her knowledge, insight, and persistence have been vital in convincing governmental and private entities of the long-term negative effects associated with adverse childhood experiences; and

WHEREAS, during her seven-year tenure at The Family Center, Ms. Eaton has increased the annual budget from \$600,000 to more than \$1.1 million and brought its finances into balance; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ms. Eaton has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of her colleagues and clients alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dawn F. Eaton our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we pay tribute to her dedicated and proficient service to The Family Center and the families and children it so faithfully serves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.